

worked to inform other representatives about the potentially damaging effects of this new cost of doing business with governments, and our legislation has attracted over 230 cosponsors, H.R. 1023.

Despite my opposition to the overarching legislation, I sincerely hope members of both parties can continue to work in a bipartisan fashion—as we have done on these three issues to-date. It is important that we move ahead with this important individual and business tax relief through legislation members from both parties can support, and not in the context of controversial new tax increases on the American people.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE DEDICATION OF CAMP SHERMAN GATE POST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Camp Sherman became a military camp for local soldiers on June 8, 1917; and Whereas, the camp would come to serve over 40,000 soldiers; and

Whereas, Camp Sherman trained soldiers, nursed them back to health and instructed them on agricultural issues; and

Whereas, the gates at Camp Sherman are dedicated for those that have passed through them, for those men that have borne the battle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Camp Sherman and honor the soldiers that have entered through the post.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DING-WEN HSU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Ding-Wen Hsu for her service to our community.

Ms. Ding-Wen Hsu enriches both the economic and cultural well-being of our community. She is cofounder and majority shareholder of Pacific Western Technologies Ltd., one of the fastest growing companies in Colorado. She is also a founder of the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival and actively involved in her family foundation, the International Multi-Cultural Institute.

As a national fellow of the Asian Pacific American Women's Leadership Institute, she attended a training program that focused on self-discovery. "I discovered that I need to lead and make a difference," Ding-Wen comments. "I feel very fortunate that I got to live in two very different cultures. I felt I should use my gift."

She does so primarily through her community endeavors. The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, for example, offers a unique cultural experience that builds awareness, knowledge and understanding among the diverse Asian communities. The mission of the International Multi-Cultural Institute is to promote harmony, eliminate prejudice and discrimination, combat

community deterioration, and defend human and civil rights.

HONORING COLUMBUS HOUSE, INCORPORATED AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the New Haven community in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Columbus House, a shelter and service provider for the homeless of the greater New Haven region. Throughout their 25 years, Columbus House has given countless people the support they need to become self-reliant and productive members of the community, providing a path to recovery and the ability to attain their goals. The shelter was the brain child of Cynthia DeLouise, founding executive director, members of the Downtown Cooperative Ministry and the city of New Haven.

Columbus House opened in November 1982 and provided shelter for its first person in need—a 19-year-old woman who needed housing and food. In the first two years, Columbus House served more than 1,000 individuals. Most all of the beds were filled by men, but in the fall of 1984, Columbus House designated 16 beds specifically for women. It was New Haven's first shelter for homeless men and women. The original mission was to provide basic food and shelter services, however, the organization quickly learned it needed to understand and address the problems that lead to homelessness. Columbus House began to broaden its mission by providing case management services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and trauma/abuse. Columbus House has also been nationally recognized for its innovative programs. One such program is the 90-day length of stay program, in which the residents set goals for themselves and develop a timetable in which to achieve them. This program proved to be a powerful incentive tool to enroll clients into counseling and treatment services. Columbus House also charges residents a nominal fee for their stay, a practice which promotes the ultimate goal of self-reliance.

The dual mission of Columbus House is what makes it so unique, remarkable and valuable to the New Haven community. Providing emergency shelter is a critical community service. Columbus House is not only emergency shelter beds; its wide array of shelter services is extraordinary. Its outreach services include a mobile crisis van and outreach workers who try to link the mentally ill with the treatment and services they require. Columbus House also launched the Citizens Project in 1996, which trains formerly homeless individuals to participate on boards and committees of social service agencies. In 2002, it implemented the mentor project which trains people in early recovery to become mentors in social service agencies throughout the community. Columbus House strives to help residents become self-sufficient and able to maintain permanent housing.

In addition to providing counseling job training and medical care Columbus House aims to cultivate a sense of self-worth, self-dignity and self-reliance in those who feel that their

lives are beyond their control. It is rebuilding the client's sense of self that is the key to the program's success. Columbus House gives residents the tools to handle life on their own and to effectively seek resolutions to their problems.

In September 2002, Columbus House literally broke new ground with the opening of its new facility, three times the size of the former shelter. This new shelter building has increased the capacity to 101 beds, doubling the amount of clients it is able to serve. This new building is clean, safe and accessible and provides a sense of pride and accomplishment for the staff, volunteers, and all of the clients.

It is unconscionable to know that homelessness remains a crisis in our communities and across the Nation; people are still hungry, seeking refuge under bridges, and living on our streets. The sad truth is that approximately 33,000 people are homeless in Connecticut, and approximately 2,000 are living in New Haven. Without the caring and compassionate work of the staff and volunteers at Columbus House, these numbers would be even more devastating. I would be remiss if I did not mention the incredible work and creative vision of Alison Cunningham, the executive director of Columbus House since 1998. It is also important to note that volunteers provide some of the most essential services of medical care, dental care, legal counseling, and spiritual guidance. Volunteers over the years have also brought gifts for holidays and have organized various fund-raising events. Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of folks such as these, whose energy, compassion, and commitment touches people's lives every day. I have tremendous admiration for community service and those who provide it.

The work of caring for the homeless has become increasingly difficult. Many people no longer care about the plight of the homeless and are frustrated by the complex issues that contribute to homelessness. I commend Columbus House for facing all of the issues that surround homelessness and continuing to work every day to resolve them for the past 25 years. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone and for all the lives in need that you have quietly touched every day. I thank you, and I am grateful for over two decades of service to the greater New Haven region.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CHARLES DEAN DAVIS FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, 40TH SIGNAL BATTALION

SPEECH OF

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Charles Dean Davis served in the United States Army from 1966–1968; and

Whereas, he served in Vietnam from 1966–1967; and

Whereas, Charles Dean Davis is the recipient of the Vietnam Service Medal; and

Whereas, he is the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal; and

Whereas, Charles Dean Davis is the recipient of the Vietnam Campaign Medal; now, therefore, be it